

REMARKS

Claim Amendments

Claims 5-7, 13 and 19-49 are cancelled.

Claims 1, 8 and 14 are amended for clarification purposes only to correct an obvious clerical error. Support for this amendment is found in the specification, for example, at page 5, lines 23-25; page 12, lines 8-13; and page 13, lines 9-14.

No new matter is added.

Rejection of Claims 1-6, 8-12 and 14-18 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-6, 8-12 and 14-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner alleges that the claims are vague and indefinite because the term “protein tyrosine activity” does not have a plain meaning in the art.

As noted above, Applicants have amended Claims 1, 8 and 14 to correct an obvious clerical error to clarify the term as properly being “protein tyrosine kinase activity” which is supported in the specification as originally filed. Thus, the claims are not vague and indefinite because the person of ordinary skill in the art can readily understand the metes and bounds of the claims as amended. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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